

transmitting data of the first image to a server computer at a second location, the server computer being linked to different accessory-provider computer sites respectively having different accessories for viewing;

selecting a second image from an electronic database of images on or accessible to the server computer, the second image comprising an image of one of the accessories to be worn on the portion of the person in the first image;

generating data of a composite image from the data of the first image and data of the second image with the server computer, the composite image including the accessory worn on the portion of the person; and

displaying the composite image on an output device at the first location.

12. (Amended) A method for previewing a pair of sunglasses to be worn by a person, the method comprising :

providing a first image to an input device at a first location, the first image including at least a face portion of the person;

transmitting data of the first image to a server computer at a second location;

selecting a second image from an electronic database of images on or accessible to the server computer, the second image comprising an image of a pair of sunglasses to be worn on the portion of the person in the first image;

generating data of a composite image from the data of the first image and data of the second image with the server computer, the composite image including the pair of sunglasses worn on the portion of the person;

displaying the composite image on an output device at the first location; and

displaying a shaded image, wherein a shade of the shaded image corresponds to a shade seen by a person wearing the pair of sunglasses.

13. (Amended) A method for previewing an accessory, the method comprising:

providing data of a first image of at least a portion of an intended recipient of the accessory to a server computer, the server computer being linked to different accessory-provider computer sites respectively having different accessories for viewing;

selecting a second image from an electronic database of images, the second image comprising an image of one of the accessories to be worn on the portion of the intended recipient in the first image;

generating data of a composite image illustrating the accessory being worn on said portion from the data of the first image and data of the second image with the server computer;

transmitting the data of the composite image from the server computer to a client computer; and

displaying the composite image on an output device in communication with the client computer.

19. (Amended) The method of claim 13 wherein transmitting the data of the composite image from the server computer to the client computer comprises transmitting the data of the composite image from the server computer to the client computer via the Internet.

25. (Amended) A method for previewing an accessory, the method comprising:

generating a first composite image from a first image of a person and a first accessory image;

displaying the first composite image to a customer;

saving the first composite image;

generating a second composite image from a second image of the person and a second accessory image;

displaying the first and second composite images simultaneously to the customer such that the customer can evaluate the appearance of the first and second accessories on the person, at least one of the composite images showing one of the accessories being worn on the person.

36. (Amended) A system for previewing an accessory, the system comprising:

an input device for receiving a first image, wherein the first image includes an image of at least a portion of a person;

a client computer operatively coupled to the input device:

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a server computer including a first computer program for selecting data of a second image from an electronic database of images. the server computer being linked to different accessory-provider computer sites respectively having different accessories for viewing, the second image comprising an image of one of the accessories to be worn on the portion of the person in the first image, and a second computer program for generating data of a composite image illustrating the accessory being worn on said portion of a person from data of the first image and data of the second image, wherein the server computer is operatively coupled to the client computer: and

an output device for displaying the composite image, wherein the output device is operatively coupled to the client computer,

wherein the input device, client computer, and the output device are at a first location and wherein the server computer is located at a second location.

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39. (Amended) The system of claim ²⁵~~36~~ further comprising an Internet service provider intermediate between the client computer and the server computer.

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43. (Amended) A system for previewing an accessory, the system comprising:

an information storage medium comprising a first electronic database of images of people;

a server computer, the server computer being linked to different accessory-provider computer sites respectively having different accessories for viewing, and the server computer including (i) a first computer program for selecting a first image from the first electronic database, the first image comprising an image of an intended recipient of an accessory, (ii) a second computer program for selecting a second image from a second electronic database, the second image comprising an image of one of the accessories to be worn on the intended recipient in the first image, and (iii) a third computer program for generating data of a composite image illustrating the accessory being worn on the intended recipient from the data of the first image and data of the second image;

a client computer for receiving the data of the composite image, wherein the client computer is operatively coupled to the server computer: and

an output device for displaying the composite image, wherein the output device is operatively coupled to the client computer.

51. (Amended) A system for previewing an accessory before purchasing the accessory, the system comprising:

a server computer comprising (i) a first computer program for selecting data of a first accessory image from an electronic database, (ii) a second computer program for generating data of a first composite image from data of the first accessory image and data of a person's image, (iii) a third computer program for selecting data of a second accessory image from the electronic database, and (iv) a fourth computer program for generating data of a second composite image from data of the second accessory image and data of the person's image;

an information storage medium for saving data of the first composite image, the information storage medium being on or accessible to the server computer;

a client computer operatively coupled with the server computer; and

a display device for displaying the first and second composite images to a customer for simultaneously previewing accessories before purchasing, at least one of the composite images showing one of the accessories being worn on the person.

59. (Amended) An electronic display screen for assisting a customer to select a desired accessory, the screen comprising:

a previously saved first composite image generated from an image of a person and an image of a first accessory; and

a second composite image generated from an image of the person and an image of a second and different accessory, at least one of the composite images showing one of the accessories being worn on the person.

73. (Amended) A method for permitting a customer to preview a pair of sunglasses before purchasing, the method comprising:

providing a first image to an input device operatively coupled to a client computer, the first image including the face of a person:

transforming the first image into data of the first image with the client computer;
transmitting data of the first image from the client computer to a server computer
via the Internet, the server computer being linked to different accessory-provider
computer sites respectively having different accessories for viewing;

selecting a second image from an electronic database of images on or accessible
to the server computer, the second image comprising an image of a pair of sunglasses;

generating data of a composite image from the data of the first image and data of
the second image with the server computer, the composite image including the image of
the pair of sunglasses on the face of the person;

transmitting the data of the composite image from the server computer to the
client computer via the Internet; and

displaying the composite image on a display device operatively coupled to the
client computer such that a customer can preview the sunglasses before purchasing,

wherein the input device, the output device and the client computer are at a first
location, and wherein the server computer is at a second location.

77. (Amended) A method for permitting a customer to preview a pair of sunglasses
before purchasing, the method comprising:

providing a first image to an input device operatively coupled to a client
computer, the first image including the face of a person;

transforming the first image into data of the first image with the client computer;
transmitting data of the first image from the client computer to a server computer
via the Internet;

selecting a second image from an electronic database of images on or accessible
to the server computer, the second image comprising an image of a pair of sunglasses;

generating data of a composite image from the data of the first image and data of
the second image with the server computer, the composite image including the image of
the pair of sunglasses on the face of the person;

transmitting the data of the composite image from the server computer to the
client computer via the Internet, the server computer being linked to different accessory-
provider computer sites respectively having different accessories for viewing; and